Admissions in School

†1775. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliament has passed any amendment in the Constitution regarding provision of free and compulsory education to all children of the age from 6 years to 14 years;

(b) if so, whether the instructions have been issued by Government to all the Government schools especially Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Adarsh Vidyalayas to provide admissions without any difficulty; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002 has been enacted by which free and compulsory education has become a Fundamental Right for all children in the age group 6-14.

(b) and (c) Admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Adrash Vidyalayas are being done as per their respective guidelines.

Computer Education in Madarsa

1776. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a programme to introduce computer education in Madarsas by the Ministry of HRD;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted on Madarsas, as to the acceptability and utility of these programmes; and

(c) whether there is also a plan to provide NCERT books translated into Urdu free of cost to the Madarasa students?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRAI): (a) Under the Central Scheme for the Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme (AIMMP), teachers' salaries are provided to the State Governments for the teaching of modern subjects like Social Studies, English, Maths, Science, etc. in Madarsas. Besides, certain amounts are also provided for book banks and science and maths kits. At present, the scheme has no computer component.

The National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Languages (NCPUL), an autonomous organization of this Ministry, offers from different centres, some of which are located in Madarsas, a one year diploma course in Computer Applications and Multilingual Desk Top Publishing.

International Institutions

†1777. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of International institutions have made arrangement for imparting education by establishing schools in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States in which such arrangements for education have been made till the end of December, 2002; and

(c) the details regarding the standards as well as the courses of education being offered therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHARI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) 'Education' is in the concurrent list of the Constituion and school education is primarily the concern of the State/UT Governments. However, approval has been acorded by the Government of India to the proposals received from the following organisations for setting up of schools with foreign collaboration/affiliation.

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